

INDIVIDUAL PROPERTY/DISTRICT
MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST
INTERNAL NR-ELIGIBILITY REVIEW FORM

Property/District Name: August E. Witte House Survey Number: CARR-1342
Project: Westminster Bypass (MD 140) Agency: SHA
Site visit by MHT Staff: X no yes Name Date
Eligibility recommended Eligibility **not** recommended X
Criteria: A B C D Considerations: A B C D E F G None
Justification for decision: (Use continuation sheet if necessary and attach map)
This property was determined not eligible for the NR by MHT letter dated 4/27/1994.

Documentation on the property/district is presented in: Review and Compliance Files

Prepared by: Rita Suffness, Cultural Resources Group Leader, SHA, June 1993

Beth Hannold
Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

NR program concurrence: X yes no not applicable
Pek Reviewer, NR program 5/23/97 Date

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MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA - HISTORIC CONTEXT

I. Geographic Region:

- ☐ Eastern Shore
☐ Western Shore
☒ Piedmont
☐ Western Maryland
- (all Eastern Shore counties, and Cecil)
 (Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles,
 Prince George's and St. Mary's)
 (Baltimore City, Baltimore, Carroll,
 Frederick, Harford, Howard, Montgomery)
 (Allegany, Garrett and Washington)

II. Chronological/Developmental Periods:

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Paleo-Indian | 10000-7500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Archaic | 7500-6000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Archaic | 6000-4000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Archaic | 4000-2000 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early Woodland | 2000-500 B.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle Woodland | 500 B.C. - A.D. 900 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Late Woodland/Archaic | A.D. 900-1600 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact and Settlement | A.D. 1570-1750 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rural Agrarian Intensification | A.D. 1680-1815 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural-Industrial Transition | A.D. 1815-1870 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Industrial/Urban Dominance | A.D. 1870-1930 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Modern Period | A.D. 1930-Present |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Period (<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric <input type="checkbox"/> historic) | |

III. Prehistoric Period Themes:

- ☐ Subsistence
☐ Settlement
☐ Political
☐ Demographic
☐ Religion
☐ Technology
☐ Environmental Adaptation

IV. Historic Period Themes:

- ☒ Agriculture
☒ Architecture, Landscape Architecture,
 and Community Planning
☐ Economic (Commercial and Industrial)
☐ Government/Law
☐ Military
☐ Religion
☐ Social/Educational/Cultural
☐ Transportation

V. Resource Type:

Category: BuildingsHistoric Environment: Rural

Historic Function(s) and Use(s): Domestic/Single dwelling: Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: _____

August E. Witte House
Tannery, Westminster
Carroll County

CARR-1342

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:

Industrial/Urban Dominance 1870-1930 A.D.

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:

Agriculture
Architecture

Resource Type:

Category: Buildings

Environment: Rural

Function & Use:

Domestic/single dwelling residence

Agriculture/Subsistence/animal facility/barn

Known Design Source: None

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MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. CARR-1342

Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic August E. Witte House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 216 Tannery Road

 not for publication

city, town Westminster

 vicinity of

congressional district

state Maryland

county

Carroll

3. Classification

Category

 district
☒ building(s)
 structure
 site
 object

Ownership

 public
☒ private
 both
Public Acquisition
 in process
 being considered
☒ not applicable

Status

☒ occupied
 unoccupied
 work in progress

Accessible

☒ yes: restricted
 yes: unrestricted
 no

Present Use

 agriculture
 commercial
 educational
 entertainment
 government
 industrial
 military
 museum
 park
☒ private residence
 religious
 scientific
 transportation
 other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Louis Dubost

street & number 216 Tannery Road

telephone no.:

city, town Westminster

state and zip code

Maryland

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc.

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street & number

folio

city, town

state

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

ate

 federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town

state

7. Description

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Condition

☒ excellent
☐ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

SEE CONTINUATION SHET 7.1

8. Significance

Survey No.

CARR-1342

Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates 1895, 1930's Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

SEE CONTINUATION SHEET 8.1

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. CARR-1342

Personal communication with Mrs. Louis Dubost, Rev. Dubost
Ideal Atlas of the World, Rand-Mc Nally, 1916

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle scale _____

Quadrangle name _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone Easting Northing

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Zone Easting Northing

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
state	code	county	code

11. Form Prepared By

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organization Maryland State Hwy. Administration date May 22, 1993

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August E. Witte House
Continuation Sheet 7.1

Description

This modest, small farmstead, located on the west side of Tannery Road in the sparsely settled area southeast of Westminster, was begun by August E. Witte very late in the nineteenth century, probably soon after Tannery Road was constructed to connect Old Manchester Road on the north with Gorsuch Station, and Arthur P. Baer's Tannery, to the southeast. The road follows a tributary of the West Branch of the Patapsco River, with hills rising up on both sides. The Witte farmstead is located in a narrow band of level land, sandwiched between the road and stream on the east, and a hill on the west.

Only the barn, house, springhouse and privy are likely to date to Witte's ownership, as a large complement of outbuildings were constructed by William F. Myers and Sons, Meatpackers, in the 1930's for tenant farmers. The only structures which remain of the many that Myers built are the chicken house, which is south of the entrance to the property, and a stable for a brood mare across the entrance from it, and a silo behind the bankbarn.

North of the agricultural complex is a probable turn-of-the-century dwelling, which is oriented to the east. It is three bays wide on the principal east facade, with a gable roof clad in standing seam metal paralleling it. There is a cross gable over the middle bay, and an ell extending westward from the rear of the dwelling. The building has been heavily stuccoed, and an addition, with a bay windows, constructed in the south elevation in 1988. The gable ends and cross gable are clad with vinyl siding, and a full width porch extends the width of the east elevation. A wooden fence encloses the front and side yard to the south, in which is located a small, pyramidal roofed stone springhouse. A small louvered ventilator is located at the apex of the roof. A frame outbuilding, likely a privy, is located north of the dwelling.

The agricultural outbuilding complex includes the 1895 Witte bankbarn, built into a hill on the west on a stone foundation. One accesses the hay mows from the farm access road on the west, and the forebay on the east side is unsupported. The building has louvered openings, which is characteristic of Carroll County frame bankbarns.

Located next to and paralleling Tannery Road is the shed roofed chicken house, partially built over a stream, connecting with a gable roofed stable perpendicular to it. Across the entrance road is a brood mare stable.

This site is currently owned by Louis Dubost who brought it with his brother-in-law in the early 1940's for horse breeding. During the time it was owned by William F. Myers and Sons, Meatpackers, who owned much property along Tannery Road, it was utilized by tenant farmers for the raising of hogs, corn, wheat, cows and chickens.

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Significance

This modest farmstead was one of a few similar turn-of-the-century farm complexes built along Tannery Road after it was constructed in the late nineteenth century to connect Old Manchester Road on the north with Gorsuch Station and A.P. Baer's Tannery to the southeast. It is reported to be a remnant of a small agricultural complex built by William F. Myers and Sons, Meatpackers, in the second quarter of the twentieth century. It retains a representative sample of domestic and agricultural outbuildings. The Tannery Valley area was desirable for a business like meatpacking because of the availability of transportation afforded by the railroad. Its ownership by Myers associates it with the commercial orientation of the locale, dominated by the tannery operation. It is not likely to be actually associated with tanning, however, as most of the Tannery complex burned in 1932 and, if it continued beyond that, it was at a much reduced scale.

The industrial development of the Tannery area of Carrollton Valley, depended upon the abundance of water power made possible by the West Branch of the Patapsco River, and the railroad access made possible when the Baltimore, Carroll and Frederick Railroad began building the line that later became the Western Maryland Railroad in 1852, providing an opening to the Baltimore markets. The original siding at Gorsuch Station at the intersection of Tannery and Gorsuch Roads, was supplemented by one in Tannery when Andrew Weiner of Frederick County and Peter Schlosser of Orange County, Virginia, bought land from 1852 to 1870 and started a tannery. It was continued by A.P. Baer after he bought it in 1870, re-naming it the Carroll Oak Tanning Company of Carroll County.

August E. Witte ↑
House

Reservoir

Tannery

BM

610

Eisworth
Cem

929

Clearfield

Reese

August E. Witte House
Tannery, Westminster
Carroll County

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Westminster
Quadrangle



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